

TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

STORY/ART BY SUNGDAE OH

MY WIFE'S MEMORIES

EPISODE ONE

COME ON, ONE
MORE SHOT-

I'M SERIOUS!

BUSTLE

BUSTLE

WHAT?
THAT'S CRAZY!

I CAN GUESS NEXT WEEK'S
LOTTERY NUMBERS-

IF YOU COULD, THEN YOU
WOULDN'T BE WORKING!

WAAAAH

HELLO?



HI DA-YEONG

DADDY'S
BUSY RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'S UP?

SIR—
THEY'RE CLOSING NOW
SO WE'RE GOING
SOMEWHERE ELSE.



HOW MUCH
DID YOU HAVE
TO DRINK,
YEONGJIN?

I'M STILL FINE.
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ME!

MURMUR

MURMUR



WHAT!?





..MOM'S
DEAD...

MY WIFE HAD DEMENTIA.



SHE GOT IT UNUSUALLY EARLY ON IN LIFE.
STILL, THERE WAS NO WAY I'D HAVE EVER
EXPECTED THIS.



THE POLICE SAID THAT WHILE MY WIFE WAS AT HOME ALONE FOR A BIT, SHE ACCIDENTALLY STARTED A FIRE IN ONE OF THE ROOMS AND SUFFOCATED ON THE SMOKE. THEY FOUND MY WIFE'S FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER THE FRONT DOOR.



SHE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO SOMETHING AS
SIMPLE AS UNLOCKING THE DOOR.

OR THAT IF SHE'D JUST SCREAMED,
SOMEONE WOULD'VE COME AND HELPED HER..



MY WIFE WAS VERY SINCERE AND KIND.

SHE LOVED HER FAMILY MORE THAN ANYTHING
AND RAISED OUR SON AND DAUGHTER WELL.

EVEN AFTER SHE HAD DEMENTIA, SHE TRIED
TO KEEP THINGS AS NORMAL AS POSSIBLE.



THIS IS SUCH A TRAGEDY.



BUT WHY CAN'T I CRY?



MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE IN MY MIND, I HAD
ALREADY LEFT MY WIFE 3 YEARS AGO,



I WASN'T A BAD HUSBAND, BUT YOU COULDN'T
EXACTLY SAY I WAS A GOOD ONE, EITHER.



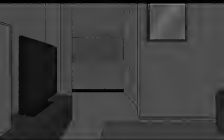
LIKE MOST PEOPLE, IT'S NOT EASY TO BECOME
A FAMILY MAN ONCE YOU'RE USED TO BEING
A BUSY BUSINESS MAN,



BUT I CAN'T DENY THAT I DIDN'T REALLY PUT MUCH
EFFORT INTO IT.



WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT I DON'T
REALLY HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF US AFTER OUR
MARRIAGE, I REALIZE THAT I REALLY JUST LIVED
TO WORK.



I NEVER EVEN GAVE MY WIFE ANY MEMORIES
TO FORGET.





HONEY..









THUD

DAD?

ARE YOU
OKAY?!

T-THERE...
THERE...!

O-OVER
THERE...!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

A GHOST...!

W-WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

Y-YOUR MOM'S
RIGHT OVER THERE!

DAD, JUST
CALM DOWN AND
GO REST MORE..

IT'S TRUE
THOUGH..!

OH DAD..
YOU POOR THING..!



MY KIDS THOUGHT I WAS IN SHOCK FROM
LOSING MY WIFE.

THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD ME AT THE LOCAL
HOSPITAL, TOO.

CRINKLE



WHETHER IT'S A DELUSION OR A GHOST..



I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT ANY MORE..





GOOD...
I MUST'VE JUST BEEN
IMAGINING IT.



I MUST BE
LOSING MY
MIND-

AND I'M
GETTING OLD...



HUH!?









HUH_?

To be continued..